

# Investing in Washington's Future

## The 2005 Gas Tax Transportation Funding Package

### Clark County Region

**\$244 million toward 13 projects in the Clark County Region to make highways safer and keep traffic moving.**

#### **SR 500 New Interchange, Vancouver**

Builds a new interchange at State Route 500 and St. Johns Boulevard to improve traffic flow. Reduces collisions by 22 percent.

Construction begins: 2008 Completion: 2010

#### **I-205, New Ramps, Vancouver**

Builds a northbound off-ramp and southbound on-ramp at 18th Street, and new roads connecting Mill Plain Boulevard to 18th Street and 28th Street/Burton Road. Reduces collisions by 17 percent.

Construction begins: 2011 Completion: 2013

#### **SR 14 New Lanes, Camas/Washougal**

Adds three miles of new lanes in both directions of State Route 14, rebuilds two bridges over the East and West Camas Sloughs, and builds a partial interchange at Union Road/SR 500. Reduces collisions by 59 percent.

Construction begins: 2009 Completion: 2011

#### **SR 502 New Lanes, Battle Ground**

Adds new lanes in both directions of State Route 502 from I-5 east into the city of Battle Ground. Reduces collisions by 43 percent.

Construction begins: 2010 Completion: 2012

#### **SR 500, Interchange at I-205**

Lengthens merge lane to reduce collisions.

Construction begins: 2008 Completion: 2008

#### **SR 14, Ramp Signals, Leiser Road, Vancouver**

Improves access and safety for traffic merging onto SR 14.

Construction begins: 2008 Completion: 2008

#### **I-205, Off-ramp to Mill Plain, Vancouver**

Adds a turn lane to reduce accidents and back-ups to I-205.

Construction begins: 2006 Completion: 2006

#### **SR 502, West of Battle Ground**

Adds turn lanes at 29th and 50th Ave., upgrades signal at 72nd Ave., to reduce the number and severity of collisions within the corridor.

Construction begins: 2007 Completion: 2007

#### **SR 500 Intersection at SR 503**

Adds a southbound turn lane to reduce collisions.

Construction begins: 2011 Completion: 2011

#### **Gabriel Road Intersection at SR 503**

Adds a right turn lane to reduce collisions.

Construction begins: 2007 Completion: 2007

#### **Climbing Lane, Lewisville**

Adds a climbing lane near Lewisville Park to reduce congestion.

Construction begins: 2009 Completion: 2010

#### **Vancouver/Portland Columbia River Crossing**

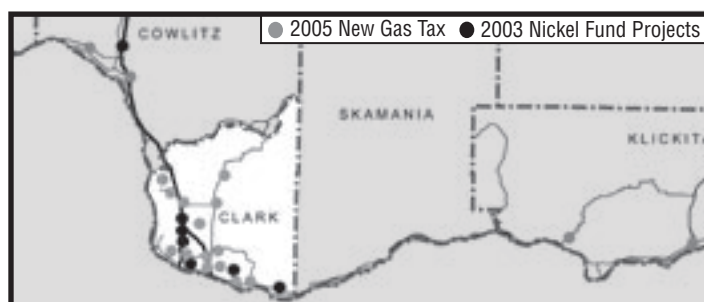
Addresses safety and congestion on the I-5 corridor between Vancouver and Portland. Reduces collisions by 18 percent.

Construction begins: TBD Completion: TBD

#### **I-5, SR 501, New Lanes, Ridgefield**

Rebuilds the existing I-5 interchange at SR 501 in Ridgefield, adds a lane in each direction of SR 501 and adds new turn lanes at the interchange. Reduces collisions by 18 percent.

Construction begins: TBD Completion: Two years from start date



**Washington State  
Department of Transportation**

# Statewide

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### A Comprehensive Approach

- ▶ **\$7.1 billion for 274 projects across Washington state to make highways safer and keep traffic moving.**
- ▶ **Coordinates with prior transportation planning**
- ▶ **Phases in the gas tax increase over four years**
  - 3 cents a gallon in 2005
  - 3 cents in 2006
  - 2 cents in 2007
  - 1.5 cent in 2008
- ▶ **Supplemented by new vehicle weight fees**

### Improved Safety and Traffic Flow

- ▶ **Eliminates choke points and improves traffic flow in 69 locations**
- ▶ **Fixes 100 high accident locations**
- ▶ **Upgrades 172 bridges to withstand earthquakes**
- ▶ **Replaces 53 deteriorating or outdated bridges**
- ▶ **Adds 150 new lane miles to our highways**
- ▶ **Keeps freight moving with 35 projects for trucks and trains**
- ▶ **Adds 73 miles of cable barrier to prevent cross-over accidents**

### Increased Demand

Since 1980:

- ▶ **Washington's population has increased 45%**
- ▶ **There are 58% more licensed drivers**
- ▶ **The number miles traveled has gone up 88%**



**MAKING EVERY  
DOLLAR COUNT.**

# Accountable and Efficient

**The Washington State Department of Transportation is audited regularly by four agencies to ensure it is spending taxpayer dollars wisely.**

These include: State Auditors Office

Federal Highway Administration

Joint Legislative Audit Review Committee

Transportation Performance Audit Board

Audits since 1998 have found only minor operating issues, which have been or are being addressed.

## Summary

### Highway Program

- ☑ Improve change order management
- ☑ Adopt cost savings ideas
- ☑ Reform project management and cost tracking activities

### Aviation Division

- ☑ Conduct annual customer service surveys
- ☑ Integrate customer needs into programs

### Environmental Permitting

- ☑ Strengthen coordination with environmental and resource agencies to standardize data, save money, and improve working relations.

### Capital Project Management Study

- ☑ Implement agency-wide project management tools
- ☑ Integrate cost/risk estimation process across all programs and divisions

### Washington State Ferries

- ☑ Implement an electronic fare collection system.
- ☑ Revise safety procedures
- ☑ Streamlining management
- ☑ Improving capital project cost-benefit analysis enhancements
- ☑ Upgrade contract management

# On Time, On Budget

Of the first 39 highway construction projects funded by the 2003 Transportation Package, 26 projects are currently under construction and on schedule. 13 have been completed:



**Early: 8 Projects**  
**On Time: 4 Projects**  
**Late: 1 Project**

## Early

- I-90 Cable Median Barrier
  - Geiger Road to US 2
  - Sullivan to State line
- I-90 Truck Climbing Lanes
  - Highline Canal to Elk Heights
  - Ryegrass to Vantage
- I-182 Interchange at US 395 near Pasco
- SR 97A Turn Lanes Entiat Park
- SR 203 Roundabout near Kirkland/Duvall
- SR 500 Interchange at NE 112th in Clark County

## On Time

- SR 124 Reconstruction at US 12 near Tri-Cities
- SR 9 New Signal at SR 528 near Arlington
- I-90 Cle Elum River Bridge
- I-5 Noise Wall Roanoke in Seattle

## Late

- US 395 Highway Information Sign near Kennewick

# 349 Projects: \$14 Million Under Budget

In the 2003-2005 budget cycle, WSDOT completed 349 construction projects at a cost of \$109 million, roughly 10 percent below the budgeted amount of \$123 million.

For more information on projects funded by the 2005 gas tax:

Or contact Customer Service:

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